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**MINUTES OF AN ADJOURNED REGULAR
MEETING OF THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL**

1. **CALL TO ORDER**

The Torrance City Council convened in an adjourned regular session at 5:32 P.M. on Tuesday, July 28, 1998, in the City Council Chambers at Torrance City Hall.

ROLL CALL

Present: Councilmembers Cribbs, Lee, Messerlian, Nakano, O'Donnell,
Walker and Mayor Hardison.

Absent: None.

Also Present: City Manager Jackson, City Attorney Fellows,
City Clerk Herbers and other staff representatives.

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Reading aloud from a script (of record), Mayor Hardison related that, subsequent to the posting of the meeting agenda, the need arose to discuss in closed session negotiations with the Torrance Police Officers' Association (TPOA) regarding a new TPOA contract. The following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved that the need to take action with regard to "Negotiations with the Torrance Police Officers' Association" arose subsequent to the posting of the meeting agenda and that, therefore, such an item shall be added to the meeting agenda under the "Conference with Labor Negotiator (California Government Code 54957.6)" portion of Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session). The motion was seconded by Councilmember Lee and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Mayor Hardison announced that, pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, the City Council will consider the item as part of the previously scheduled "Conference with Labor Negotiator" under Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session) portion of the meeting agenda.

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Agenda Item No. 20 was considered out of order at this time.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section Nos. 54957.6, 54957, 54956.9(a) and 54956.8, at 5:35 P.M., the Council recessed into a closed session to discuss the mattress listed on the meeting agenda. The Council returned to open session at 7:10 P.M., with no action having been taken in closed session.

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Discussion returned to regular agenda order.

Wendy Selogie
Recording Secretary

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2. **FLAG SALUTE/INVOCATION**

Mr. Frank Rizzardi, member of the Torrance Airport Commission, led the Pledge of Allegiance.

The invocation for the meeting was given by Dr. Richard Dwyer, Pastor of the Fellowship of South Bay.

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At this time, Mayor Hardison asked that the meeting be adjourned in memory of Mr. Ben Kidner, retired City of Torrance Water Department employee.

Councilmember Walker recalled fond memories of Mr. Kidner.

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3. **AFFIDAVIT OF POSTING**

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved to accept and file the report of the City Clerk on the posting of the agenda for this meeting. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved that, after the City Clerk has read aloud the number and title to any resolution or ordinance on the meeting agenda, the further reading thereof shall be waived, reserving and guaranteeing to each Councilmember the right to demand the reading of any such resolution or ordinance in regular order. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

4. **WITHDRAWN/DEFERRED ITEMS**

None.

5. **COUNCIL COMMITTEE MEETINGS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

None.

6. **COMMUNITY MATTERS**

6a. **APPOINTMENT TO THE PLANNING COMMISSION**

Recommendation

The City Clerk recommends that the City Council review all applications and make one appointment to the Planning Commission (term to expire January 15, 2000).

Mayor Hardison noted that supplemental written material of record distributed at the meeting included a July 28, 1998 memorandum addressed to the City Council from City Clerk Herbers adding the name of Mr. Brian Burescia as an additional applicant for the vacant position on the Planning Commission and transmitting the application of Ms. Ruth Vogel.

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The following applicants addressed the Council:

Mr. Michael Botello	4718 Newton Street
Mr. Arnold Katz	23317 Iris Avenue
Ms. Karen Powers	915 Acacia Avenue
Ms. Ruth Vogel	114 Via La Soledad

Applicants who were present but did not speak were as follows: Mr. John Kern, Ms. Pam O'Brien and Mr. Glenn Tanner.

Subsequent to nominations by the Council, the following motion was offered.

MOTION: Councilmember Messerlian moved for a unanimous ballot on the appointment of Mr. Glenn Tanner to serve on the Torrance Planning Commission, term to expire January 15, 2000. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and, there being no objection, it was so ordered by Mayor Hardison.

Mr. Tanner was sworn in by City Clerk Herbers.

Mayor Hardison advised that the applications for those not appointed will be held for six months and that the Council will make various Commission appointments in January 1999.

7. **CONSENT CALENDAR**

7a. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES - JULY 7, 1998**

7b. **1998 BJA LOCAL LAW ENFORCEMENT BLOCK GRANT**

Recommendation

The Chief of Police and City Manager recommend that City Council authorize the City Manager to file an application for the 1998 Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Local Law Enforcement Block Grant which includes a Federal allocation of \$163,632, a local cash match requirement of \$18,181 from Asset Forfeiture and other special conditions. Authorization to accept the block grant, if awarded, is also recommended.

7c. **INVESTMENT REPORT FOR JUNE 1998**

Recommendation

The Investment Committee, made up of the Finance Director, City Manager, City Attorney and City Treasurer, as created by the City Council, has reviewed the June 1998 Investment Report and finds that it is in concurrence with the

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City of Torrance Investment Policy.

7d. **TORRANCE YOUTH COUNCIL DONATION OF \$5,000 TO ROSE FLOAT ASSOCIATION**

Recommendation

The Torrance Youth council recommends that the City Council approve a \$5,000 donation from the Torrance Youth Council Donation Fund to the Torrance Rose Float Association and authorize the staff liaison to issue a warrant on the Youth Council's behalf.

MOTION: Councilmember O'Donnell moved for the approval of the Consent Calendar. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

9. **TRANSPORTATION/PUBLIC WORKS**

9a. **ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION RE WASTE REDUCTION**

Recommendation

It is the recommendation of the Acting Street Services Director and the City Manager that the City Council adopt an ordinance amendment and related resolution creating new requirements for waste reduction, reporting and landfill related environmental cleanup liability coverage from the commercial waste haulers operating in the City.

Supplemental written material of record included a July 28, 1998 memorandum addressed to the City Council from Acting Street Services Director Brewer transmitting the Street Department's "City of Torrance Presentation to City Council on Proposed Ordinance for Commercial Solid Waste Management."

Mr. Louis Ippolito, Americlean Environmental Services, presented detailed information regarding Assembly Bill 939 (State mandated waste reduction goals). He related his understanding that Torrance is the only South Bay city not having diversion and disposal requirements. Mr. Ippolito shared background information on Americlean Environmental Services' experience in the area of waste diversion/reduction

Mayor Hardison recalled concerns expressed by the business community and private holders that they would be responsible for waste diversion/reduction in multi-family units.

Mr. Ippolito advised that Americlean has set up many successful programs in multi-family units in other cities and that the proposed ordinance provides an impetus for such programs to be offered in the multi-family unit sector. In answer to a question posed by Councilmember Messerlian, Mr. Ippolito provided input on the recovery success of those jurisdictions having non-exclusive franchise agreements. He explained that the success of such jurisdictions can be attributed to the requirements placed on the recycling.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Ordinance No. 3454.

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MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Ordinance No. 3454. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

ORDINANCE NO. 3454

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE ADDING A NEW SECTION 43.6.6 AND A NEW ARTICLE 7 TO CHAPTER 3 OF DIVISION 4 OF THE TORRANCE MUNICIPAL CODE RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENTS FOR RECYCLING PRIVATELY COLLECTED SOLID WASTE

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-88.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-88. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-88

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING THE FEES AND ESTABLISHING A COMMERCIAL SOLID WASTE INDEMNIFICATION FUND

City Attorney Fellows drew attention to the fact that the commencement date for Resolution No. 98-88 was left blank in Paragraph No. 1.

Acting Street Services Director Brewer recommended that the effective date be October 1, 1998.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved that Resolution No. 98-88 be amended to reflect a commencement date of October 1, 1998. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

13. **ADMINISTRATIVE MATTERS**

13a. **ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY AT ABALONE AVENUE AND 223RD STREET**

Agenda Item No. 13 was discussed simultaneously with Torrance Redevelopment Agency Item No. 4a (see Torrance Redevelopment Agency minutes of July 28, 1998).

13b. **TFFA MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt the 1998-2000 Torrance Fire Fighters' Association's (TFFA) Memorandum of Understanding (MOU).

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City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-89.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-89. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-89

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE FIRE FIGHTERS' ASSOCIATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 19, 1998 THROUGH JUNE 30, 2000

13c. **TMEO MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve a supplemental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for the Torrance Management Employees Organization (TMEO), adjusting salary grids and making certain minor corrections.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-90.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-90. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-90

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-86 SETTING FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION (TMEO)

13d. **ELECTED OFFICIALS' RESOLUTION**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a resolution modifying the pay resolutions for City Treasurer and City

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Clerk, adding .3% to their respective pay grids.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-91.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-91. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-91

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-80 GOVERNING
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR ELECTED OFFICIALS

13e. **RESOLUTION RE CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt two resolutions, making certain changes in the salary grids and language for Certain Management and Unrepresented Employees.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-92.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-92. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-92

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO 98-79 SETTING
FORTH CHANGES REGARDING HOURS, WAGES AND
WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED
BY CERTAIN MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-93.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-93. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-93

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF

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TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION 98-84 SETTING
FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS
FOR THE UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

13f. **RESOLUTION RE SAFETY MANAGEMENT EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a resolution modifying the Safety Management resolution.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-94.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-94. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-94

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-78 GOVERNING
COMPENSATION PROVISIONS FOR SAFETY MANAGEMENT
EMPLOYEES

13g. **RESOLUTION RE PART-TIME UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a supplemental pay resolution for the part-time, unrepresented employees, increasing their pay grids by .3%.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-95.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the adoption of Resolution No. 98-95. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-95

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-85 SETTING
FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS
FOR THE HOURLY UNREPRESENTED EMPLOYEES

13h. **RESOLUTION RE TRREO**

Recommendation

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A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve a supplemental Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), giving a .3 increase to the salary grid for positions in the MOU for the Torrance Recurrent Recreation Employees' Organization (TRREO).

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-96.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the approval of Resolution No. 98-96. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-96

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE AMENDING RESOLUTION NO. 98-83 SETTING FORTH THE HOURS, WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE RECURRENT RECREATION EMPLOYEES ORGANIZATION (TRREO)

13i **RESOLUTION RE TPPREO**

Recommendation

A recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council approve a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Torrance Professional Parks and Recreation Employees' Organization (TPPREO) for the period of July 19, 1998 to June 30, 1999.

City Clerk Herbers read aloud the number and title of Resolution No. 98-97.

MOTION: Councilmember Nakano moved for the approval of Resolution No. 98-97. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Walker and passed by unanimous roll call vote.

RESOLUTION NO. 98-97

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE SETTING FORTH WAGES, HOURS AND WORKING CONDITIONS FOR EMPLOYEES REPRESENTED BY THE TORRANCE PROFESSIONAL PARK AND RECREATION EMPLOYEES' ORGANIZATION FOR THE PERIOD FROM JULY 19, 1998 TO JUNE 30, 1999

13j. **RESERVE FOR WAGE INCREASES**

Recommendation

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Recommendation of the Finance Director that the City Council approve an appropriation from the Reserve for Wage Increases and the additional financing method for settled contracts and resolutions.

MOTION: Councilmember Lee moved for the approval of the staff recommendation. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Cribbs and ultimately passed by unanimous roll call vote.

Prior to roll call vote, Councilmember Lee commented on the difficulty of this process. He apologized for having made it more difficult than it needed to be and voiced his hope that the City Council and staff learned from this process.

Mayor Hardison voiced her concurrence with Mr. Lee's comments.

Councilmember Cribbs said that she is a little tired of the process. She expressed her opinion that all options were not examined and related her hope that, in the future, some well thought out solutions to budget problems are presented for the Council's consideration.

18. **ADDENDUM MATTERS**

"Negotiations with the Torrance Police Officers' Association" was added to the meeting agenda under the "Conference with Labor Negotiator (California Government Code 54957.6)" portion of Agenda Item No. 20 (Executive Session).

19. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS**

19a. Councilmember Lee questioned if the 1998 Fourth of July fireworks' show at Wilson Park lasted 20 minutes and he suggested that the duration of time be examined prior to next year's show.

20. **EXECUTIVE SESSION**

Pursuant to Government Code Section 54957.6, at 7:55 P.M., the Council entered into a closed session to continue discussion on the matters listed on the meeting agenda. The Council returned to open session at 8:30 P.M., with no action having been taken in closed session.

21. **ADJOURNMENT**

At 8:30 P.M., the meeting was adjourned to Tuesday, August 4, 1998, 7:00 P.M.

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*Adjourned in Memory of
Mr. Ben Kidner*

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